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for each of the selected partitions of the table, storing in the dump file data contained in said
each of the selected partitions of the table, wherein data contained in a partition of the
table that is not selected is not stored in the dump file.

40. (Original) A method according to claim 39, wherein the fewer number of partitions is exactly one.

41. (Original) A computer-readable medium bearing instructions arranged, upon execution, to cause one or more processors to perform the steps of the method according to claim 39.

42. (Original) A computer-readable medium bearing instructions arranged, upon execution, to cause one or more processors to perform the steps of the method according to claim 40.

43. (Previously Added) A method of importing data from a dump file into a relational database table, said method comprising the steps of:

retrieving from the dump file data contained in selected partitions of a first relational database table, wherein the selected partitions are a subset of a total number of partitions of the first relational database table; and

importing the data contained in selected partitions into corresponding partitions of a second relational database table, wherein the corresponding partitions are a subset of a total number of partitions of the second relational database table.

44. (Previously Added) A method according to claim 43, wherein the subset of the total number of partitions is exactly one.

D | 45. (Previously Added) A computer-readable medium bearing instructions arranged, upon execution, to cause one or more processors to perform the steps of the method according to claim 43.

46. (Previously Added) A method of exporting data from a database object into a dump file, said method comprising the steps of:

subdividing the database object into a number of partitions;

selecting a fewer number of partitions than the number of partitions; and

for each of the selected partitions, storing in the dump file data contained in said each of the selected partitions, wherein data contained in a partition that is not selected is not stored in the dump file.

47. (Previously Added) A method according to claim 46, wherein the database object includes one of a relational database table, a database data container, and object oriented database object class.

48. (Previously Added) A method according to claim 46, wherein the fewer number of partitions is exactly one.

49. (Previously Added) A computer-readable medium bearing instructions arranged, upon execution, to cause one or more processors to perform the steps of the method according to claim 46.

D1 50. (Previously Added) A method of importing data from a dump file into a database object, said method comprising the steps of:

retrieving from the dump file data contained in selected partitions of a first database object, wherein the selected partitions are a subset of a total number of partitions of the first database object; and
importing the data contained in selected partitions into corresponding partitions of a second database object, wherein the corresponding partitions are a subset of a total number of partitions of the second database object.

51. (Previously Added) A method according to claim 50, wherein the first and second database objects include one of a relational database table, a database data container, and object oriented database object class.

52. (Previously Added) A method according to claim 50, wherein the subset of the total number of partitions is exactly one.

53. (Previously Added) A computer-readable medium bearing instructions arranged, upon execution, to cause one or more processors to perform the steps of the method according to claim 50.

D2 54. (New) A method according to claim 39, wherein the dump file includes statements in a data description language (DDL) describing how to recreate the data contained in said each of the selected partitions of the table.

D2 55. (New) A method according to claim 39, wherein the storing includes exporting the data contained in each of the selected partitions of the table into the dump file.

56. (New) A method according to claim 43, wherein the dump file includes statements in a data description language (DDL) describing how to recreate the data contained in said each of the selected partitions of the table.

57. (New) A method according to claim 46, wherein the dump file includes statements in a data description language (DDL) describing how to recreate the data contained in said each of the selected partitions of the table.

58. (New) A method according to claim 46, wherein the storing includes exporting the data contained in each of the selected partitions of the table into the dump file.

59. (New) A method according to claim 50, wherein the dump file includes statements in a data description language (DDL) describing how to recreate the data contained in said each of the selected partitions of the table.

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 39-53 are pending, in which claims 54-59 are newly presented. No new matter is introduced.

The Office Action mailed April 10, 2003 rejected claims 39-53 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by *Choy et al.* (US 5,551,027).